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PREFATORY NOTE.

THE Committee for publishing the Proceedings of the MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY submit selections from the record of the meetings of the Society from January, 1879, to March, 1880, inclusive. The stated meetings for July and August were dispensed with, by vote of the Society at the June meeting.

The Committee present also, in this volume, the memoirs of six deceased members of the Society,— five Resident and one Corresponding: that of the Hon. Emory Washburn, by Dr. A. P. Peabody; of Mr. William G. Brooks, by Mr. Smith; those of the Rev. Joseph Hunter and Mr. Edward A. Crowninshield, by Mr. Deane; that of the Hon. Lorenzo Sabine, by Dr. E. E. Hale; and that of Dr. Jacob Bigelow, by Dr. G. E. Ellis. The Society is indebted to the kindness of the families of its deceased associates, Governor Washburn and Dr. Bigelow, for the portraits which accompany the memoirs of these gentlemen.

The frontispiece to the volume is a heliotype *fac-simile* of the manuscript map alluded to on page 63. The original map is washed with a color; the flats are painted in brown, the houses of the town of Boston in red, and the American entrenchments in yellow. The

reproduction loses something by the absence of the coloring. It is interesting as a plan made, as the legend in the upper left-hand corner shows, a very short time after the battle of Bunker Hill. It was probably the work of some officer of the English engineer corps.

The other illustrations are: a heliotype of the memorial stone placed in the fort at Castle Island, at page 20 ; a reproduction, by the same process, of the New Hampshire form of government in 1689-90, to face page 227 ; albertypes of Mr. Perkins's sketch of Washington's birthplace, and General Sherman's map of the locality, at pages 239 and 240 ; an albertype of the last leaf of Dudley Woodbridge's diary, showing the Deerfield meeting-house, at page 337 ; two tables containing the names of the graduates from each college of Oxford and Cambridge who emigrated to New England, to accompany Professor F. B. Dexter's communication, at page 352 ; and a heliotype of the petition of Roger Conant, at page 366.

GEORGE DEXTER,
for the Committee.

Boston, May 14, 1880.